

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Previously presented) A method in a data processing system for creating symbolic links to bookmarks, comprising:
 - receiving a request to create a new bookmark for a document;
 - in response to receiving the request, determining whether a reference bookmark already exists for the document;
 - if the reference bookmark for the document already exists, creating a symbolic link; and
 - linking the symbolic link to the already existing reference bookmark, wherein a new bookmark is not created.
2. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
 - receiving a name for the symbolic link.
3. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
 - receiving a description for the symbolic link.
4. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of linking the symbolic link to the already existing reference bookmark comprises storing a pointer to the already existing reference bookmark in the symbolic link.
5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein each bookmark includes a uniform resource locator for the document.
6. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein the step of determining whether a reference bookmark already exists for the document comprises comparing the uniform resource locator of the bookmark to the uniform resource locator of each existing bookmark.
7. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
 - if the reference bookmark for the document already exists, prompting a user whether to create the symbolic link.

8. (Previously presented) The method of claim 7, wherein the step of creating the symbolic link comprises creating the symbolic link in response to a user's request to create the symbolic link.
9. (Previously presented) A method in a data processing system for creating symbolic links to bookmarks, comprising:
receiving a request to create a symbolic link for a document to an already existing reference bookmark;
in response to receiving the request, identifying the already existing reference bookmark;
creating the symbolic link to the already existing bookmark; and
linking the symbolic link to the already existing reference bookmark.
10. (Previously presented) The method of claim 9, wherein the step of identifying the already existing reference bookmark comprises:
presenting at least one existing bookmark;
receiving a selection of a reference bookmark from the at least one existing bookmark;
11. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein the step of presenting at least one existing bookmark comprises presenting the at least one existing bookmark in a tree structure.
12. (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein the step of receiving a selection of a reference bookmark comprises receiving the selection of the reference bookmark in the tree structure.
13. (Previously presented) The method of claim 11, further comprising:
displaying a symbolic representation of the symbolic link in the tree structure.
14. (Previously presented) The method of claim 13, wherein modifications to the reference bookmark are displayed in relation to the symbolic representation of the symbolic link in the tree structure.
15. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein each bookmark includes a uniform resource locator for the document.

16. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein the step of identifying a reference bookmark comprises:

determining whether a bookmark already exists for the document.

17. (Original) The method of claim 16, wherein the step of determining whether a bookmark already exists for the document comprises comparing the uniform resource locator of the bookmark to the uniform resource locator of each existing bookmark.

18. (Previously presented) The method of claim 16, further comprising:

if the reference bookmark for the document already exists, prompting a user whether to create the symbolic link.

19. (Previously presented) The method of claim 18, wherein the step of creating the symbolic link comprises creating the bookmark link in response to the user's request to create the symbolic link.

20. (Previously presented) The method of claim 9, wherein the step of linking the symbolic link to the reference bookmark comprises storing a pointer to the already existing reference bookmark in the symbolic link.

21. (Previously presented) A method in a data processing system for creating a plurality of symbolic links to bookmark folders from a single reference bookmark folder, comprising:

receiving a request to create a symbolic folder link to an already existing reference bookmark folder;

in response to receiving the request, identifying the already existing reference bookmark folder;

creating the symbolic folder link to the already existing bookmark folder; and

linking the symbolic folder link to the already existing reference bookmark folder.

22. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 21, wherein the step of identifying the already existing reference bookmark folder comprises:

presenting at least one existing bookmark folder; and

receiving a selection of a reference bookmark folder from the at least one existing bookmark folder.

23. (Original) The method of claim 22, wherein the step of presenting at least one existing bookmark folder comprises presenting the at least one existing bookmark folder in a tree structure.
24. (Original) The method of claim 23, wherein the step of receiving a selection of a reference bookmark folder comprises receiving the selection of the reference bookmark folder in the tree structure.
25. (Previously presented) The method of claim 23, further comprising:
displaying a symbolic representation of the symbolic folder link in the tree structure.
26. (Previously presented) The method of claim 25, wherein bookmarks added to the reference bookmark folder are displayed in relation to the symbolic representation of the symbolic folder link in the tree structure.
27. (Previously presented) The method of claim 21, further comprising:
receiving a name for the symbolic folder link.
28. (Previously presented) The method of claim 21, further comprising:
receiving a description for the symbolic folder link.
29. (Previously presented) The method of claim 21, wherein the step of linking the symbolic folder link to the already existing reference bookmark folder comprises storing a pointer to the reference bookmark folder in the symbolic folder link.
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